

"TOMMY" BURNS REACHES DUBLIN

Although His Eye Is Still Bad, He Will Go Up Against Roche on Tuesday.

DUBLIN, March 15.—"Tommy" Burns, the American pugilist, arrived here tonight for his fight, March 17th, when he will defend the heavyweight championship of the world against John Roche, the Irish champion. Burns is still suffering from an inflamed eye, the result of an accident a few days ago, the outcome of which at one time threatened to be serious, but he has definitely decided to go on with the fight, as, otherwise, he is in better condition than he has ever been in, according to his own statement and that of his trainers.

None of the friends of Roche believe that he has a splendid chance to defeat Burns, but careful observers of the game regard the American as a sure winner, and he himself displays the utmost confidence in his ability to turn the trick.

The Irish champion has never met "Gunner" Holt or Jack Palmer, both of whom Burns has defeated, so it is difficult from his record to form any adequate idea of how he compares with Burns.

Savannah Motor Races.
NEW YORK, March 15.—Automobile enthusiasts are predicting that the record time will be made in the three automobile races which are to be contested near Savannah, Wednesday or Thursday. The races are to be conducted under the auspices of the American Automobile Association by the Savannah Automobile Club. The course will be patrolled by 1,200 militiamen, and intersecting and abutting roads will be closed. The feature will be the 360-mile speed endurance with stock chassis on Thursday.

Blind Athletes Hold Novel Meet

Sightless Boys of Pennsylvania, Illinois and Kentucky Compete by Telegraph in a Triangular Contest.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 15.—Telegraphic track meets are of themselves novel contests and not of everyday occurrence, but when the blind boys of Pennsylvania, Illinois and Kentucky compete in a triangular track meet, their records to be compared by telegraph and the winning team decided thus, more than casual attention should be paid to so unusual an event. It was such a carnival that took place Saturday afternoon in the gymnasium of the Pennsylvania school for the Blind at Overbrook, simultaneously with like meets at the Kentucky Blind School of Louisville; Kentucky, and the Illinois school for the Blind at Jacksonville, Ill. These three schools are about on a par athletically, and it is expected that when the records made by the boys in the several meets are compared, competition will be keen and the judges will find it hard to decide which is the winning institution.

The blind lads had ten events to compete in, each of which demanded a different sort of skill. In all of these events the Overbrook boys did very well indeed, and the sightless athletes have high hopes of carrying off the banner for the triangular championships. Owing to the difference in time between the cities, it is doubtful if the winning school will be announced before to-night or to-morrow.

The summary of events follows:
One-Hour Walk—Won by Frances Pass, fifteen years; distance, 5 miles, 11 yards. Second, John George, 23 years; distance, 5 miles, 1,025 yards. Third, Edward Stults, fifteen years; distance, 5 miles, 1,025 yards.
400-Yard Run—Won by Clarence Alexander, seventeen years; time, 1 minute, 11 2-5 seconds. Second, Gordon Hicks, twenty-one years; time, 1 minute, 12 1-5 seconds. Third, Grant Longnecker, fifteen years; time, 1 minute, 5 1-5 seconds.

TOD SLOAN ON RACING

"The public knows practically very little of the inside details of racing," says Tod Sloan, "and it has been my experience that the reformers generally jump on to something they know least about. The outsider can have no realization of the details, the intricacies of the game, the immense amount of work and expense in training horses, the worry and nervous strain on owners, trainers and jockeys. No one but a man who is actively engaged in the business can know much of the real thing. And right here I want to say that 80 per cent. of the racing stables of this country are operated at a loss, and were it not for the betting they could not exist."

Now, it is the betting that has caused all the trouble in this country, and it is no wonder to me, when I consider the conditions. It is a race, and the only remedy I can see, and I am convinced it would bring about a sane, safe and conservative system. You don't have to pay the odds, the men who pay their \$3 and support the enterprises, get the worst of it, because they don't know what is going on. The clubhouse is responsible for this. Secret betting is the evil that is at the bottom of all the trouble. If John W. Gates bets \$50,000 on a race, his commissioner 'snooks' it down, and nobody knows anything about it. I contend that the public has a right to know where this 'wis' money goes. 'As it is, the public is left wondering. They don't make their own favorites, and they know little or nothing about how the favorites are made. They have to take it from Mr. Gates or Mr. Lewishon or any of the other big millionaire plungers who bet their thousands until they read about it in the newspapers the next day."

"Under the pari mutuel system there is none of this. It is deducted from the money bet. Two per cent. goes to the government and 5 per cent. to the Society for Encouragement, which is the association fostering the improvement of the breed of horses in France."

"Under this system there is no secret betting, no 'cut' commissions, false prices, such as prevail here. You see everything that is done as plain as day, and the public makes its own figure. You don't have to pay the odds you get until the betting is over and the calculator has posted the figures on the board just before the start of the race."

"In England the wagering is not secret as it is here, although they do have the pari mutuel system. The betting is practically in the hands of from six to twelve layers of odds in

all of the teams in the American League have a chance to land the batting, but, to be candid, I like the Athletics best. While I will consider Waddell a great pitcher, I figure my team has been considerably strengthened by his sale. There was not the best of feeling between Waddell and several of the players. Several of my new recruits look good, but as yet I have not seen enough of them in action to pass judgment."

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BY HUGH JENNINGS.
The Tigers will be in the race from the beginning to the end, and don't forget it. I do not hesitate to say that the team that beats my boys will come mighty close to taking part in the big series. Of course, if Cobb persists in holding out, the club will miss him for a time, but Crawford, McIntyre and Jones are quite an outfield for any team. Don't think Donovan is going to slump, for Hill is sure to repeat and will equal last year's record."

BY FIELDER JONES.
Comiskey believes the White Sox will win the American League pennant, and I am of the same opinion. I believe they will be the only team to regular, and I expect Parent to more than fill the hole left by the retirement of the clever veteran. Parent will be at short and Davis will play second, which makes the infield look good to me. If this fellow Moxie Manuel is just half as good as South, I am League official think he is, then he ought to add a lot of strength to the club."

BY NAPOLEON LAJOIE.
I do not care to make any prediction on Cleveland's chances for the coming season until I have had opportunity to look over my new recruits and see them in action. I feel confident, however, that Cleveland will be up in the race. In other years the Naps were always touted as the favorite, and naturally the preliminary praise had its bad effect on the players, as they were constantly working under a regular thing. I think of it, I am different, and I hope to make the dope look bad."

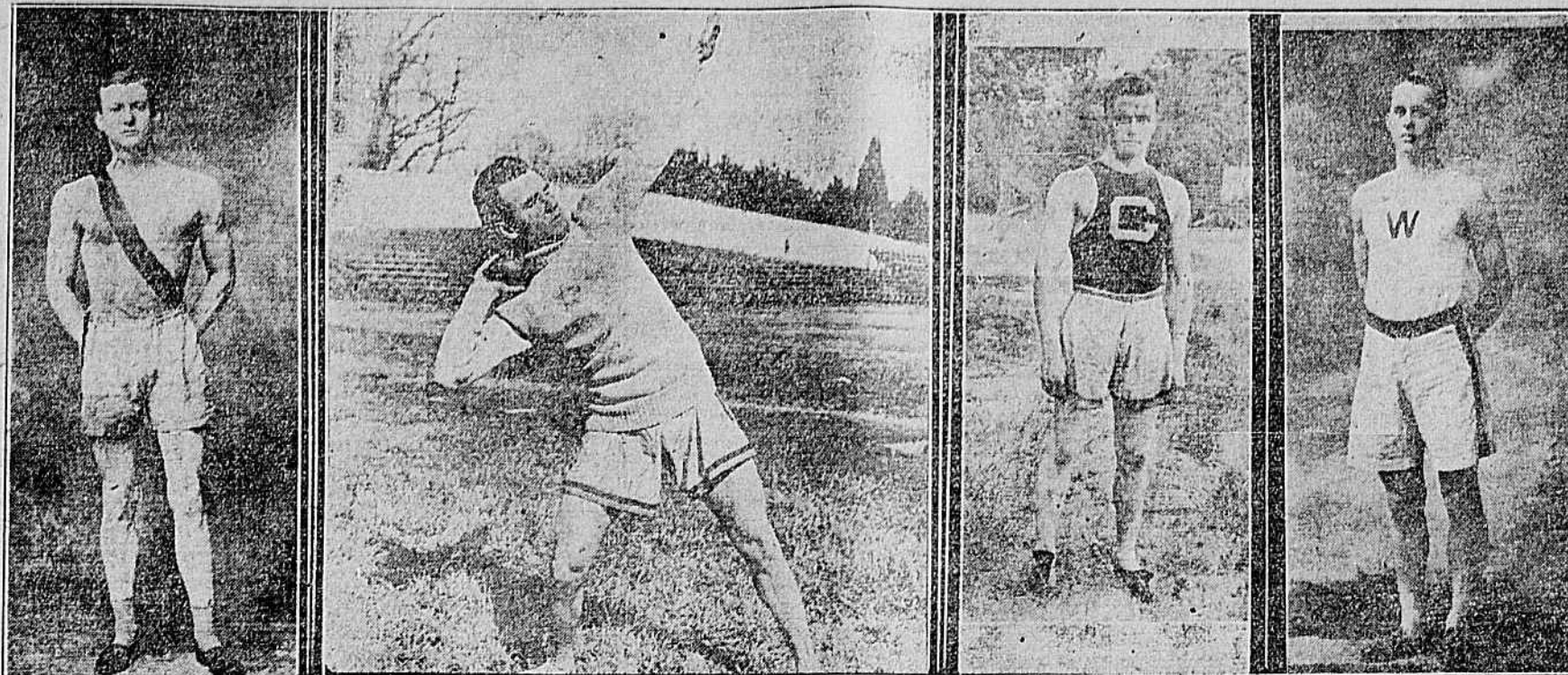
BY CLARK GRIFFITH.
It's the first division for New York, and I look for my team to be a pennant contender all the way. The Yanks have been in the running several years, only to be nosed out at the finish. I hope to turn the trick this year. I believe every trade made this winter has helped my team considerably. Fred Glade is sure to be well up with the pitchers, and Jake Stahl and Charley Homphrey ought to help the batting department considerably."

BY JAMES McALEER.
The St. Louis Browns will finish fourth or better. That's a pretty strong prediction, but I feel confident that I now have a team that compares with any in the league. Some people insist that I have been gold-bricked by Connie Mack in taking Waddell, but I believe I have made a good thing of it. I would like to have about four more pitchers like him. Jones adds strength to my outfield, and there is no question that Williams and Ferris will make the infield look better."

BY JAMES MCGUIRE.
Boston won't win the pennant this year, but I look for the Red Sox to break into the first division. Thomey's refusal to sign has changed my plans somewhat, as I had banked on him. I believe he will sign up before the season opens. If Burchell pans out the team will have two good left-handers in Tamm and Burchell, and a team with two good southpaws always has a chance. Young and Crier will be in evidence again, and Cy will take many a game."

BY JOSEPH CANTILLON.
It seems as if everybody concedes last place to Washington, but I hope to feel all the wise guys who are picking the Nationals to land the cellar championship in a canter. It's true several of my new players must make good for me to have a chance, but I have no doubt about their ability. I believe they will be greatly mislead. Altizer, I believe, has finally struck his pace in the last half, and I look for him to make a good showing."

NOTED ATHLETES ENTERED FOR RICHMOND TRACK MEET



A. C. RANDOLPH, of Virginia.

ALLEN GLENNAN, OF GEORGETOWN.

CHARLES O'BOYLE, of Georgetown.

E. D. GLAY, of Washington School for Boys.

Vegetarian Athlete



EUSTACE K. MILES.
Miles won the championship in 1900, when he was for a couple of months resident at the Tuxedo Tennis and Racquet Club; in fact, he opened the courts there in exhibition matches. Eustace, who came to the New York courts, and he had everything his own way in that game and at racquets. Now things have so changed that there are many capable amateurs here. In 1900 Gould won through the British championship tournament, and he had then to play Pennell for the second prize, and Miles for the title, the two having "stood out" by virtue of early successes. He won the second prize, but lost to Miles. Returning to England on the same quest last year, Gould defeated his second prize and then challenged Miles for title. The latter pleaded indisposition, but when in the court put up a strong game against the American.

AMERICA LEADS

OGDEN, UTAH, March 15.—The American car in the New York to Paris automobile race arrived at 9:45 o'clock this morning, and will remain until Monday morning.

The Italian car, coached Rawlins, Wyo., this afternoon, and will not leave there until Monday morning.

The other three cars are still in Iowa.

CEDRINO IS SPEED KING.

Great Driver to Prepare Fiat for Bristol-cliff Trophy.
The greatest driver apparently of the times is Cedrino, whose victory at Ormond in the Fiat Cyclone gave him the premier position in the field. Cedrino has returned to New York to prepare his car for the great stock car race for the Bristol-cliff trophy in Westchester county.

The car has just arrived from Italy, and Cedrino will spend several weeks in tuning it up. The great Italian driver realizes that he must be ready to the minute for the stock car race, and he would not consent to an entry being made at Savannah, although pleaded with by Mr. Hollander.

In his victory at Ormond Cedrino first won the Minneapolis trophy at the 100-mile distance against Blakely, winner last year, and then captured the 250-mile race and completed 300 miles at a rate of 77 miles to the hour, or six miles better than the best previous average.

The best time previous to this ride was made by Nazaro, when he averaged 71 miles to the hour in the Grand Prix race of Europe. Not content with these victories Cedrino annexed the mile record for middle distance cars when he did 35 as against the 34 record of Guy Vaughn in the 80 H. P. Darracq. All of these records will stand for some time, and as they were made with a car fitted with regular tires, Cedrino, of the Fiat Automobile Company believes that they will stand forever.

MANY ENTRIES FOR TRACK MEET

Martin Sheridan, America's All-Round Champion, May Be Star Attraction.

Entries for the indoor track meet to be held here next Saturday night are coming in rapidly, and by this evening the list will probably be completed. As a special attraction for those who have never seen the country's champions in their respective events, Dr. Reilly is trying to arrange for Martin Sheridan, the all-round champion of America, to come down. He has written to B. J. Wefers, of the New York Athletic Club, who will be one of the officials here, to see Sheridan and ask him to be at the meet. The great champion is a member of the New York police force, but the authorities generally allow him to attend the various indoor meets of the country.

The above picture shows Glennan, the champion shot putter, of Georgetown, who won the event in the Georgetown meet last Saturday night, putting the sixteen-pound weight a distance of thirty feet. O'Boyle is a great football player and hurdler of Georgetown. In the relay race of last year between Georgetown and Virginia he ran the last lap with Boshier, heating the Virginian by only some thing over a foot. Gray is a fast High School boy, whose team will compete against the Covenanters' four. Richmond, of Virginia, was captain of the track team last year. He will compete in the high jump.

BASEBALL ON SKATES

Expert Youngsters Engage in New Sport in West End.
Baseball on skates is the latest craze of the uptown youngsters. In Grace and Franklin Streets and around the Lee Monument the game is played by experts on rollers, and once the youngsters swing on behind and fairly fly as an auto which tows them laughs at the speed limit laws. Even the young women have joined the swinging bands.

NEWS OF THE BOXERS.

A new boxing club is to be opened in New York City with a seating capacity of 5,000. It will be run by Jack Rose, the former New England boxing promoter. It will be called the Grand Athletic Union.

George Munroe, the former feather-weight boxer, has turned manager, and is handling all the boxing.

Dummy Moran and Dick Fitzpatrick are two white welterweights who want to meet Blackburn. Both can fight.

Tommy O'Toole and Teddy Maloney have agreed to weigh 123 pounds at 6 o'clock to-day, and to be in the ring of the West End Athletic Club, Philadelphia, not later than 10:30 P. M.

March 16th in the Annals of Sport.

1869—Peter Maher, pugilist, born in Dublin, Ireland.
1885—At Albany, N. Y.: The New York State Baseball League organized.
1893—Samuel F. Knight, former champion pool player, died in New York City.
1904—At Hot Springs: Marvin Hart won the decision over Sandy Ferguson by a knockout.
1905—At Des Moines: W. H. Freer, of Concordia, Kan., set world's record by breaking 397 targets consecutively.
1907—The annual boat race over the Thames course, from Putney to Mortlake.

Sporting Nobleman



LORD DESBOROUGH.
Lord Desborough will have entire control of the Olympic games at the meeting of the Anglo-French exhibition to take place in London this summer, and in which many noted American athletes will compete.

BLUE RUN HUNT

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
GORDONSVILLE, VA., March 15.—A party of Richmond sportsmen were the guests of Mr. Wilbur Osborne yesterday at the meet of Blue Run hounds. The meet was at Somerset, and the run was over a stiff country, many good fences being negotiated. Mr. McComb acted as master in the absence of Mr. Andrews.

Among the Richmond men who rode were Colonel A. S. Buford and Mr. E. D. Harris. Luncheon was served at Mr. McComb's residence after the drag.

CHICKENS AT CHANTILLY

Grundy & Sons, Fanciers, Import Prize Lot For Breeding Purposes.
Chantilly Farm, out on the Broad Street Road, is filled with growing, flapping chickens, one of the prize lots in the country, for Messrs. Grundy & Sons have bought out the entire yard of Mr. Frank McGarran, of Lancaster, Pa., and transported the chickens to their farm. There are 180 Single-Comb White Leghorns in all, the biggest and most valuable lot probably ever brought to Richmond. Many of them were shown in Madison Square Garden, where they came off with blue ribbons. The two fanners are going in for high-class breeding, and purpose making Chantilly noted for its chickens.

IRISH LAD SENT TO COWDIN'S FAMOUS STUD

Harry Payne Whitney will install his Clandon stallion, Irish Lad, at Elliott C. Cowdin's Kirklevington Stud, Kentucky, this year. The winner of the Kentucky Handicap can be spared at Brookdale and it is for the purpose of giving him opportunities that the arrangement has been made with Mr. Cowdin to have him stand at Kirklevington. Irish Lad is a magnificent individual. He is a giant all over, and his legs are as good as his body. She is to be bred to Adam at Millstream, Handspan, Repute, and Miss Hamburg also were in the same car. They are to be mated with stallions in the Blue Grass region.

ATHLETIC WAR OVER INDIAN LONGBOAT

A. A. U. Will Allow No American to Compete With Red-skin in Olympic Meet.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The Amateur Athletic Union of the United States has taken its stand in the controversy over the amateur status of the Indian Longboat, and an athletic war with Canada and possibly England is on. Through the Amateur Athletic Association the evidence necessary to prove the Indian a professional, and the announcement has been made that no member of the Yankee team will be permitted to meet the Indian in any race at the Olympic games in London next summer.

This will put the English Olympic games committee in a rather ticklish position. The Englishmen would naturally like to support the Canadians in the controversy, but they cannot ignore charges of professionalism. The matter is further complicated by the fact that there are two amateur associations governing athletics in Canada.

The Amateur Athletic Union only recognizes the Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada, which association is not protecting Longboat. If England recognizes this association Longboat will be barred. If, on the other hand, the British authorities accept the endorsement of the rival Canadian union then there may be a lot of trouble.

The Amateur Athletic Union, by barring Longboat, must also bar the men of Longboat's association, or at least those who compete with him. It would be a rather odd thing, in the opinion of leading men in athletics, if this quarrel over one poor Indian should interrupt the great games in London next summer.

AMUSEMENTS

Academy—Dark.
Bijou—"The Fool House."
At the Academy.

Pretty women have always had a distinct value on the stage, and no one realizes this better than Fred G. Nixon-Nordlinger, general manager of the Nixon & Zimmerman attractions, who sold the chorus of "Simple Simon," which comes to the Academy on Friday night. "Simple Simon Simple" girls are said to be "the prettiest, wisest, angriest and dandiest" which have been seen for a long time in a traveling attraction of this sort.

Miss Adelaide Thurston will appear at the Academy Wednesday, Friday and night, in "The Girl From Out Yonder." Miss Thurston is very popular in Richmond.

The story of "The Clansman" is so well known that a repetition of the plot is hardly necessary. Apart from its exposition of the deeds of the Ku Klux Klan, the play is a play of interest. "The Clansman" is now in its third season. It will be at the Academy on Saturday, matinee and night.

At the Bijou.
Manager McKee offers his patrons as an attraction at the Bijou this week the famous Four Huntings, in their new musical comedy, "The Fool House." The stars are assisted by a large chorus of dancers and singers, and the piece is said to be one of the most enjoyable of the season.

The standard American play "Arizona" will be the attraction at the Bijou next week, with a capable cast.

Cobb Talks.
ATLANTA, GA., March 15.—Tyrus Cobb stated to the Associated Press over the long-distance phone that he has so far received no offer at all from President Hart, of the Union Baseball League, but has reason to believe the report well founded. He says he has under consideration an offer from Mr. Lawson of \$5,000 a year to play with the Washington Club of that league, and that offer will be accepted by him, if he cannot agree with President Hart of the Detroit Club.

"I am going to start to Detroit to-morrow morning," said Cobb. Cobb will be accompanied to Detroit by Hon. Julian McCurry, attorney and former member of the Legislature.

Riot at Cycle Races.
PARIS, March 15.—The spectators at the cycle races at the Galerie des Machines to-night, enraged over the decision of the umpires, wrecked and set fire to the grandstands. Police resorted to the number of 300 had to be called out before order was restored.

Roosevelt to Visit England Next Year.
LONDON, March 15.—Persistent rumors that President and Mrs. Roosevelt will visit England next year are current in American circles here. It is said that he will stay six months in London with his family and will study the organization of the navy and the management of the dockyards.

UNION LEAGUE PAYS BIG MONEY

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—President A. W. Lawson, of the Union League Baseball League, was to-day in conference with President Hart, of the local Union League Club, and as a result Mr. Lawson stated that Mr. Hart has wired Tyrus Cobb, of the American League, an offer of the largest salary ever paid to a ballplayer to play with the Washington Union League Club.

Mr. Lawson to-day stated that President Schlichter, of the Philadelphia Union League Club, has made Hans Wagner, of the National League, an offer of \$10,000 a year to play with the Philadelphia Union League Club this season.

St. Andrews Won.

The St. Andrews Athletics played the Journal Browns Saturday, and won 9 to 3. The features of the game were the pitching of Clark, of St. Andrews, who allowed two hits and struck out thirteen men, and Blunt's home run. The line-up:

St. Andrews—First-base, Poe; second-base, Fry; third-base, Blunt; shortstop, Dowden; pitcher, Clark; catcher, Semms; right-field, Sarano; left-field, Pettway; centre-field, Bransford.

Journal Browns—First-base, McLevy; second-base, W. Ford; third-base, Goldback and Morgan; shortstop, W. Bauer; pitchers, Goldback and Morgan; catchers, Shelton and Grabsberger; right-field, Shelton and Grabsberger; left-field, H. Ford; centre-field, French.

Score:
St. Andrews 9 11 0
Journal Browns 3 2 8

MANAGERS OF AMERICAN LEAGUE BASEBALL CLUBS EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF TEAMS TO PLAY GOOD BALL IN PENNANT FIGHT